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Chapter I
Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the sixty-second session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 2007 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

Chapter II
Organization of work of the Conference

A. 2007 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 22 January to 30 March, 14 May to 29 June and 30 July to 14 September 2007. During this period, the Conference held 36 formal plenary meetings, at which Member States as well as non-Member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held 48 informal plenary meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on other matters.

4. Upon the joint invitation of the President of the Conference, Ambassador Ms. Glaudine Mtshali (South Africa), and the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament during its 2007 session: Dr. Kim Howells, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom (CD/PV.1054), Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ecuador (CD/PV.1057), Ambassador Jorge Valero, Vice Minister for North America and Multilateral Issues of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (CD/PV.1057), Dr. Francisco Santos Calderón, Vice-President of Colombia (CD/PV.1058), Mr. Artis Pabrikis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia (CD/PV.1058), Dr. Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (CD/PV.1058), Mr. Masayoshi Hamada, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1058), Ms. Anna Fotyga, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland (CD/PV.1058), Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam (CD/PV.1058), Mr. Vittorio Craxi, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy (CD/PV.1058), Professor Joy Ogwu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria (CD/PV.1059), Mr. Cho Jung-pyo Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (CD/PV.1059), Mr. Juan Manuel Gomez Robledo, Under-Secretary for Human Rights and Multilateral Affairs of Mexico (CD/PV.1060) and Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain (CD/PV.1060). Furthermore, the Conference received a message from the Honourable Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, on the occasion of the assumption of the Presidency of the Conference on Disarmament by Sri Lanka (CD/PV.1061). In their addresses, these dignitaries, recognizing the importance of the Conference as the sole multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, addressed a wide range of issues in the area of disarmament and international security. While expressing concern about the continuing stalemate in the Conference, they welcomed the concerted efforts by the six Presidents, and expressed their support for further efforts by the Conference to reach consensus on starting multilateral negotiations. The Conference welcomed their addresses as expression of support for the endeavours of the Conference and to its role as the single multilateral negotiating forum in the field of disarmament.

5. At the 1077th plenary meeting on 7 August 2007, upon the invitation of the President of the Conference, Ambassador Sarala Fernando (Sri Lanka), the Conference was addressed by Rogelio Pfirter, Director-General of the Organization

for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction. At the same plenary meeting, upon the invitation of the President of the Conference, Ambassador Jürg Streuli (Switzerland), the Conference was also addressed by Ambassador Masood Khan, President of the 2006 Review Conference and the 2007 Meetings of Experts and States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BTWC), on the status of the Convention (CD/PV.1077).

6. In accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, the following Member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland and the Syrian Arab Republic.

7. The substantive Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Tim Caughley, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs; and Mr. Jerzy Zaleski, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

8. The representatives of the following 65 Member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

9. In conformity with Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure, the States not members of the Conference listed in the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

10. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 41 States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, the Holy See,

Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Moldova, Montenegro, Nepal, Oman, the Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Sudan, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Zambia.

11. The following document dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference was submitted to the Conference: CD/1810, entitled "Letter dated 22 January 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the Conference during 2007 from non-member States".

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2007 session

12. At its 1048th plenary meeting on 24 January 2007, following a debate at which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference in accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure was reviewed, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2007 session. The agenda (CD/1807) reads as follows:

> "Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2007 session:
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> 1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
> 2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
> 3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
> 4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
> 5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
> 6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
> 7. Transparency in armaments.
> 8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration rules 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 28 of the 2006 report of the Conference (CD/1805), the last President of the 2006 session (Slovakia) and the first President of the 2007 session (South Africa), in cooperation with the five incoming Presidents of the 2007 session (Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland and the Syrian Arab Republic)

conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2007 session of the Conference.

15. Subsequently, at the 1048th plenary meeting on 24 January 2007, the President, Ambassador Glaudine Mtshali (South Africa), reported that the 2007 Presidents of the Conference appointed the following Coordinators:

(a) Ambassador Wegger Strømmen of Norway for agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament",

(b) Ambassador Carlo Trezza of Italy for agenda item 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters",

(c) Ambassador Paul Meyer of Canada for agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space",

(d) Ambassador Carlos Paranhos of Brazil for agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons",

(e) Ambassador Petko Draganov of Bulgaria for agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons",

(f) Ambassador Makarim Wibisono of Indonesia for agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament", and

(g) Ambassador John Duncan of the United Kingdom for agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments".

The President also informed that these Coordinators would work under the authority of the 2007 Presidents. The Coordinators were to report on the outcome of the discussions on the relevant agenda items to the 2007 Presidents of the Conference. The incumbent President was to present a finalized report, under his/her own responsibility, to the Conference. The 2007 Presidents furthermore put forward an organizational framework, contained in document CD/2007/CRP.1, for the Conference during its 2007 session. This was done without prejudice to any future decisions of the Conference on its programme of work.

16. Under the Presidency of Ambassador Juan Antonio March (Spain), intensive consultations were conducted with all delegations to work out the basis for an agreement to begin substantive work in the CD. At the 1062nd plenary meeting, on 23 March 2007, the President, Ambassador Sarala Fernando (Sri Lanka), referring to the work done during the first part of the session and assessing its results, introduced a Presidential Draft Decision (CD/2007/L.1). This draft decision was supplemented by a complementary Presidential statement which is an integral part of this Presidential Draft Decision.

17. On 30 March 2007, the President submitted a document entitled "Presidential report to the Conference on Disarmament on part I of the 2007 session" (CD/1820*), which contained, inter alia, an evaluation of the work done during this part, as well as the proposal of the 2007 Presidents.

18. Following the introduction of the Presidential Draft Decision successive Presidents conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching an agreement

on it. These efforts are summed up in the document entitled "Presidential report to the Conference on Disarmament on part II of the 2007 session" (CD/1825).

19. At the 1071st plenary meeting, on 14 June 2007, the President, Ambassador Elisabet Borsiin Bonnier (Sweden), referring to the informal open-ended Presidential consultations held to explore ways to move forward towards a programme of work on the basis of the Presidential Draft Decision (CD/2007/L.1**), submitted to the Conference a "Complementary Presidential Statement Reflecting an Understanding of the Conference on the Implementation of CD/2007/L.1**", contained in document CD/2007/CRP.5*, as well as a "Draft Decision by the Conference", contained in document CD/2007/CRP.6, on the interrelationship between CD/2007/L.1** and CD/2007/CRP.5*. These three documents constitute what will be referred to, in the upcoming paragraphs of this report, as the Presidential Proposal.

20. On 30 August 2007, the President, Ambassador Faysal Khabbaz-Hamoui (Syrian Arab Republic) submitted a document entitled "Presidential report to the Conference on Disarmament on part III of the 2007 session" (CD/1828*), which contained, inter alia, an assessment of the consultations held with a view to reaching an agreement on the Presidential Proposal. This assessment led to the following:

> A wide range of delegations expressed their support for the Presidential Proposal. Some delegations, though they had some concerns about certain elements in the Proposal, said that they would not oppose consensus on it. Others expressed their position that more work and consultations were needed to reach a consensus on it. The CD has achieved substantive progress by conducting important thematic debates on all agenda items and advancing considerably in its efforts but could not yet reach consensus on a programme of work. A momentum was created to move the CD out of its longstanding stalemate, and the efforts to reach an agreement to start substantive work must be continued.

21. The following documents dealing with the issue of agenda and programme of work were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1820*, entitled "Presidential report to the Conference on Disarmament on part I of the 2007 session";

(b) CD/1825, entitled "Presidential report to the Conference on Disarmament on part II of the 2007 session";

(c) CD/1828*, entitled "Presidential report to the Conference on Disarmament on part III of the 2007 session";

(d) CD/2007/L.1**, entitled "Presidential Draft Decision", annexed to document CD/1828*;

(e) CD/2007/CRP.5*, entitled "Complementary Presidential Statement Reflecting an Understanding of the Conference on the Implementation of CD/2007/L.1**", annexed to document CD/1828*;

(f) CD/2007/CRP.6, entitled "Draft Decision by the Conference", annexed to document CD/1828*.

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

22. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

23. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 24 non-Members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia and Malta.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

24. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

25. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

26. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations or their representatives was circulated to the Conference. (CD/NGC/41).

27. To mark the International Women's Day, a statement of the NGO Working Group on Peace of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women related to peace, security and disarmament issues was read by the President of the Conference on Disarmament at the 1056th plenary meeting on 6 March 2007 (CD/PV.1056). Subsequently, a number of delegations expressed the view that the statement should be delivered by one of its authors.

28. On 6 March 2007, non-governmental organizations made their written material available informally to the members of the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the 2004 decision of the Conference on Disarmament on the enhancement of the engagement of civil society in its work.

Chapter III
Substantive work of the Conference during its 2007 session

29. The 2007 Presidents of the Conference appointed Coordinators for agenda items 1 to 7, and decided on the organizational framework of the Conference, without prejudice to any future decisions of the Conference on its programme of work. The Coordinators, under the authority of the 2007 Presidents, chaired informal meetings on agenda items 1 to 7.

30. The Presidents of the Conference reported on the work of the Conference during the first part of the 2007 session (CD/1820*), during the second part of the 2007 session (CD/1825) and during the third part of the 2007 session (CD/1828*).

31. On 13 August 2007, the President of the Conference, Ambassador Jürg Streuli (Switzerland), addressed a letter to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the seven Coordinators submitted to the 2007 Presidents on the work done by the Coordinators during the 2007 session (CD/1827).

32. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2007, and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, are attached as Appendix II to the report.

33. At the 1047th plenary meeting on 22 January 2007, the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament conveyed to the Conference a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, on the occasion of the opening of the 2007 session (CD/PV.1047). In his statement, the Secretary-General expressed the hope that this year's meeting would make significant progress in the disarmament agenda and wished the Conference a most productive session.

34. At the 1071st plenary meeting on 14 June 2007, the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament conveyed to the Conference a second message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon (CD/PV.1071). In his statement, the Secretary-General, noting the intensification of the Conference's work, urged Member States to take forward the vital work of the Conference in a spirit of compromise and accommodation.

35. At the plenary meeting of 21 August 2007, the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Sergio Duarte, addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1079).

36. The Conference had before it a letter dated 15 January 2007 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/1806 and Add.1) transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session in 2006, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament. The latter are listed below:

61/57	Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 2, 4, 5)
61/58	Prevention of an arms race in outer space (operative paragraphs 2, 5, 6, 8)

61/74	Renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons (operative paragraph 10)
61/77	Transparency in armaments (operative paragraphs 7(b), 9)
61/78	Nuclear disarmament (operative paragraphs 14, 15, 19, 20)
61/80	Regional disarmament (operative paragraph 1)
61/82	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (operative paragraph 2)
61/95	United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (operative paragraph 6)
61/97	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (operative paragraphs 1, 2)
61/98	Report of the Disarmament Commission (operative paragraphs 3(d), 5, 9)
61/99	Report of the Conference on Disarmament (operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

37. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item, including on nuclear disarmament. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

38. The following documents dealing with this agenda item were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1814, entitled "Letter dated 13 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting a white paper entitled 'The Future of the United Kingdom's Nuclear Deterrent' of December 2006";

(b) CD/1816, entitled "India: Working Paper: Nuclear Disarmament";

(c) CD/1817, entitled "Note verbale dated 16 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting copies of the documents of the High Level African Regional Conference on the Contribution of Nuclear Energy to Peace and Sustainable Development, held in Algiers on 9 and 10 January 2007";

(d) CD/1821, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 April 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the working paper entitled 'Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non proliferation of nuclear weapons' submitted by the Non-Aligned Movement to the Disarmament Commission during its 2007 substantive session in New York".

39. In accordance with the joint initiative of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, the Coordinator on agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the Nuclear

Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament", Ambassador Wegger Strømmen (Norway), held six informal meetings from 6 February to 2 March 2007 and reported to the 2007 Presidents (CD/1827, Annex I).

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

40. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

41. During the 2007 session, and while recognising that the issue of the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices is pertinent to agenda item 1, this topic was discussed under agenda item 2, for practical reasons.

42. The following document was submitted to the Conference: CD/1819, entitled "Canada: Working Paper: An FMCT Scope-Verification Arrangement".

43. In accordance with the joint initiative of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, the Coordinator on agenda item 2 entitled "Prevention of Nuclear War, including All Related Matters", Ambassador Carlo Trezza (Italy), held six informal meetings from 8 February to 7 March 2007 and reported to the 2007 Presidents (CD/1827, Annex II).

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

44. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item, including on the prevention of the placement of weapons in outer space, the threat or use of force against outer space objects. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

45. The following documents dealing with this item were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1815, entitled "Note verbale dated 12 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Canada addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting Canada's contribution entitled 'Transparency and confidence building measures in outer space'";

(b) CD/1818, entitled "Letter dated 7 March 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Representative of China to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the third revised and amended version as of 12 February 2007 of the compilation of comments and suggestion to the working paper on PAROS contained in document CD/1679 dated 28 June 2002";

(c) CD/1829, entitled "Letter dated 10 September 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Canada addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the report of the Conference entitled 'Celebrating the Space Age: 50 Years of Space Technology, 40 Years of the Outer Space Treaty' on behalf of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)".

46. In accordance with the joint initiative of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, the Coordinator on agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space", Ambassador Paul Meyer (Canada), held 6 informal meetings from 12 February to 9 March 2007 and reported to the 2007 Presidents (CD/1827, Annex III).

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

47. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

48. In accordance with the joint initiative of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, the Coordinator on agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", Ambassador Carlos Paranhos (Brazil), held 5 informal meetings from 15 February to 13 March 2007 and reported to the 2007 Presidents (CD/1827, Annex IV).

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

49. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

50. In accordance with the joint initiative of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, the Coordinator on agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons", Ambassador Petko Draganov (Bulgaria), held 4 informal meetings from 19 February to 16 March 2007 and reported to the 2007 Presidents (CD/1827, Annex V).

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

51. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

52. In accordance with the joint initiative of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, the Coordinator on agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament", Ambassador Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), held 3 informal meetings from 22 February to 19 March 2007 and reported to the 2007 Presidents (CD/1827, Annex VI).

G. Transparency in armaments

53. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

54. The following documents were submitted to the Conference in connection with consideration of this item:

(a) CD/1823, entitled "Letter dated 7 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a paper regarding an initiative on banning arms transfers to terrorists within the framework of the informal discussions held under agenda item 7 — transparency in armaments";

(b) CD/1830, entitled "Letter dated 6 September 2007 from the Permanent Representative of China to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the remarks by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China on China's participation in the UN Military Transparency Mechanism on 2 September 2007".

55. In accordance with the joint initiative of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, the Coordinator on agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments", Ambassador John Duncan (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), held 5 informal meetings from 19 February to 22 March 2007 and reported to the 2007 Presidents (CD/1827, Annex VII).

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

56. During its 2007 session, the Conference also had before it the following documents:

(a) CD/1808, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 September 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Belarus addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement by the chairman of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) on the occasion of the creation of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in central Asia";

(b) CD/1809, entitled "The P6 Vision paper; Submitted by the P6: Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal and Slovakia";

(c) CD/1811, entitled "Note verbale dated 25 January 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the section pertaining to disarmament and international security from the final document of the Fourteenth Summit Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Havana, Cuba, from 11 to 16 September 2006";

(d) CD/1812, entitled "Note verbale dated 29 January 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Peru addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament expressing the general reservation of the Government of Peru concerning the section pertaining to disarmament and international security in the final document of the Fourteenth Summit Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Havana, Cuba, from 11 to 16 September 2006";

(e) CD/1813, entitled "Note verbale dated 7 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on

Disarmament transmitting the statement issued by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement in New York on 5 February 2007";

(f) CD/1824, entitled "Note verbale dated 11 June 2007 from the Permanent Representation of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the Statement on Non-Proliferation and the Report of the Nuclear Safety and Security Group of the G8 Summit held on 7 and 8 June 2007 in Heiligendamm, Germany";

(g) CD/1826, entitled "Letter dated 18 July 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia regarding a decree on suspension of the validity of the treaty on conventional armed forces in Europe and related international treaties as far as the Russian Federation is concerned, signed by the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. V.V. Putin on 13 July 2007".

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

57. Building on the increased level and focus of its activities throughout 2007 and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2008 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

58. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2008 session would be:

First part: 21 January-28 March

Second part: 12 May-27 June

Third part: 28 July-12 September

59. The annual report to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 13 September 2007, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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